

# FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

4 49

**Town:** Tewksbury

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)

## Photograph



**Address:** 168 French Street

**Historic Name:** John & Emma Greenwood House

**Uses:** Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** c1907

**Source:** Deed Research

**Style/Form:** No Style

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Aluminum Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**  
Shed

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):

Windows (Late 20<sup>th</sup> Cen)

Siding (Mid 20<sup>th</sup> Cen)

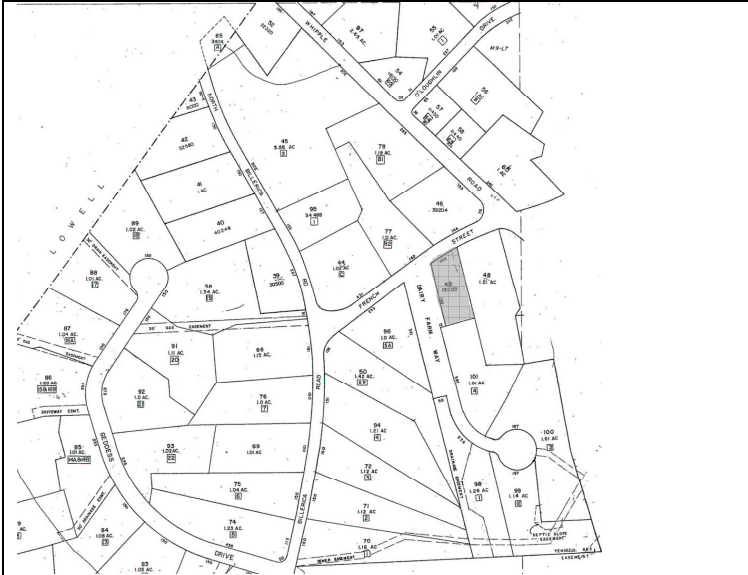
**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no | X | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:** 0.44 Acres

**Setting:** Set back from the street in a formerly rural area developed in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as a suburban residential area.

## Topographic or Assessor's Map



**Recorded by:** Julie Ann Larry

**Organization:** ttl-architects

**Date** (*month / year*): March 2010

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

168 FRENCH STREET

## MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Area(s) Form No.

--	--

\_\_\_ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The side hall house at **168 French Street** sets on a sloping lot on the south side of the street. The two by three bay building has been altered by replacement windows and siding. The front gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The walls are clad in aluminum siding. The wrap-around porch extends across the entire front of the dwelling, sheltering the projecting bay window and the side-hall entrance. The hip roof porch is supported by square posts resting on a partial height wall. A square chimney projects from the west slope of the roof. The 6/6 replacement sash windows are flanked by vinyl shutters.

To the rear of the house is a small one-story shed. Square in plan the shed has a hip roof.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

The house at 168 French Street was built on a plot of land sold in 1891 by Sarah, George, & Alfred French to Aaron Osterman. In 1908 Osterman, a dairy farmer who lived at the corner of French Street and North Billerica Road, sold the buildings to Thomas Garside, who sold them that same year to John & Emma Greenwood.

Additional owners include: John & Emma Greenwood (1908-1918); Florence Bissel (1918-1920); Edwin Osterman (1920-1957); Adeline O'Brien (1957-1959); Charles B Collins (1959-1966); Jeremiah F Murphy (1966); O'Brien Homes Inc (1966-1967); Francis & Barbara Doherty (1967-1985); Margaret & Allan Sanborn (1985-1993); and Margaret Sanborn (2003-2010).

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES

- U.S. Census Records. 1790-1930.
- Directories. 1896-97, 1898-99, 1900-01, 1911-12, 1913-14, 1915-16, 1919, 1927, 1930-31, 1932-33, 1937-38, 1940-41, 1942-1943, 1949 [Ancestry], 1953, 1955, 1961, and 1967.
- Map of the Town of Tewksbury 1852. Henry F Walling. Boston, MA.
- 1865 Map of Tewkesbury with inset.
- Atlas of Middlesex County 1875. FW Beers.
- Atlas of Middlesex County 1889. Geo H Walker & Co.
- List of Residents by Streets, Ages 17 years and over, In the Town of Tewksbury Mass. As prepared by the Board of Registrars (various years 1965-)
- Valuations of the Real and Personal Estate of the Town of Tewksbury.